

Building a Successful Multi-Disciplinary Human Trafficking Task Force:



The Importance of Police Community Partnerships

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Education

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Raise Awareness

Beginning: First Operation Cross Country First Case– Riverside



A Coalition is Formed



Women's Resource Center of Racine

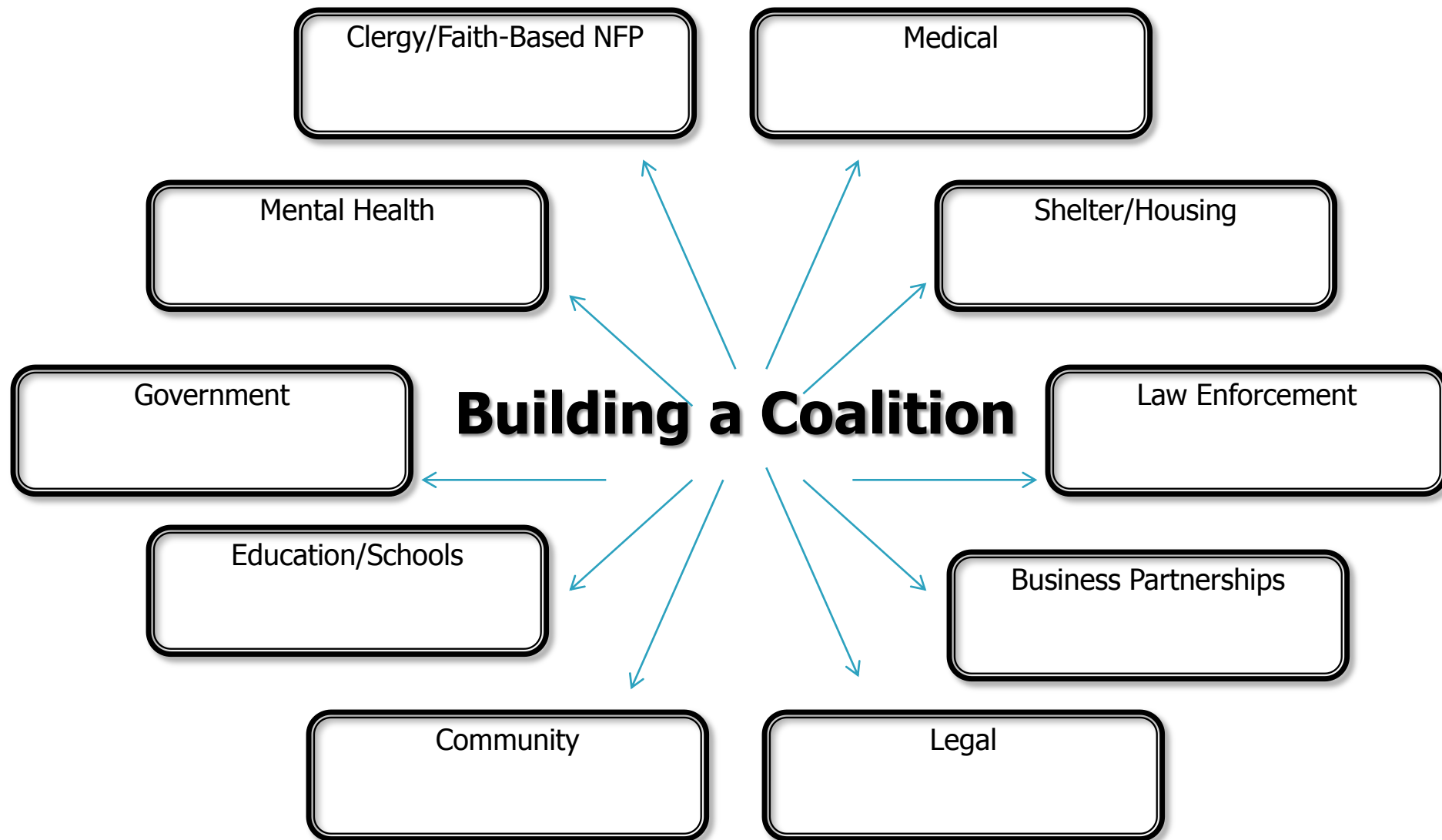


Dining for Women
Changing the World One Dinner at a Time

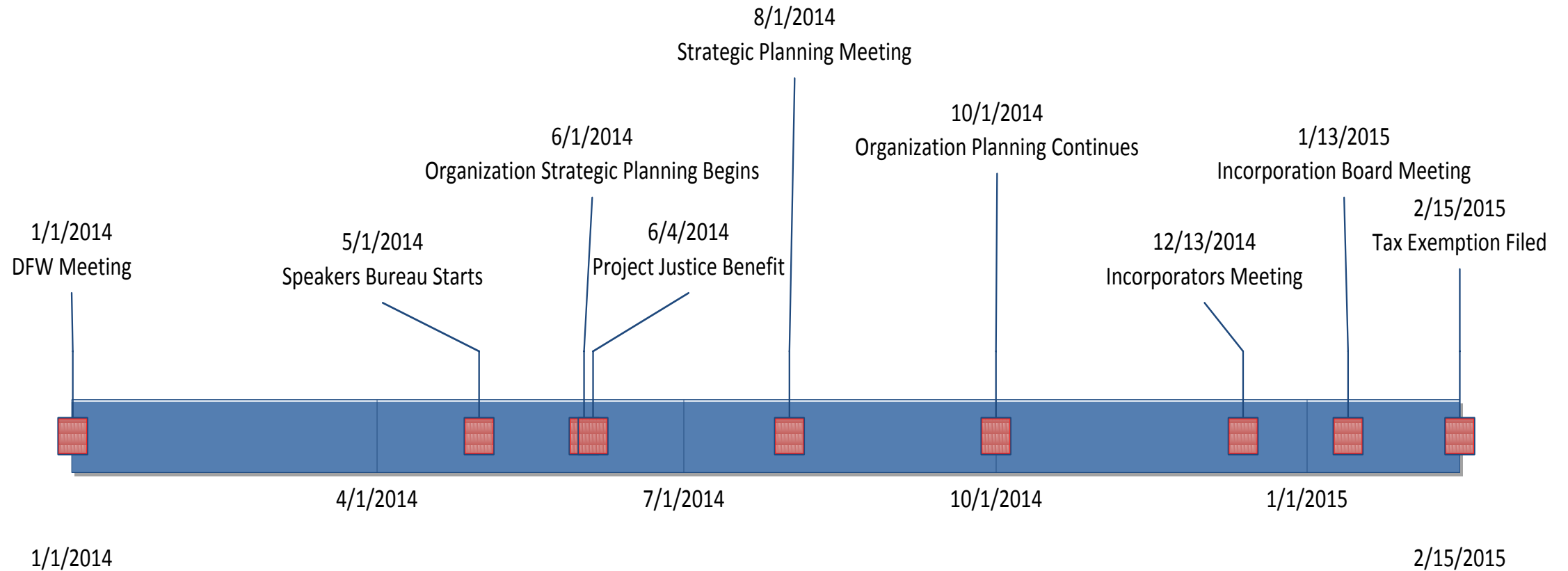


RACINE
COALITION
**AGAINST
HUMAN
TRAFFICKING**





RCAHT Timeline



Creating a Formula for Success

- ▶ Law enforcement and Chief of Police understand human trafficking is a problem and will be proactive to combat the issue
- ▶ Community pressure regarding Human Trafficking
- ▶ Social Service advocates are educated and trained

The Rules of Engagement

- ▶ All members / partner organizations **MUST** be trained & understand the problem and the coalitions goal.
- ▶ Develop core relationships
- ▶ Establish expectations
- ▶ Mutual Respect
- ▶ Engagement/Communication

Task Force vs. Coalition Building

Sorting out the differences



Coalition Building

Law Enforcement

- ▶ Provide the core and basis for the organization



Social Services

- ▶ The numerous threads of twine surrounding the core provide the array of victim services

Sewn Cover Keeps the Two Working Together

Definition of a Coalition

- ▶ Noun: a group of people, groups, or countries who have joined together for a common purpose
 - A pact or treaty
 - Temporary or for convenience
 - Overlapping interests

The formation of a coalition can shift the balance of power in a conflict situation and alter the future course of the conflict.

Assess immediate needs

- ▶ Awareness in the community
- ▶ Availability of services
- ▶ Coordination of services

“Do your homework”

- ▶ **Collect Data**
- ▶ **Find Law Enforcement Ally**
- ▶ **Identify Services Available**
- ▶ **Training**
- ▶ **Identify Experts**

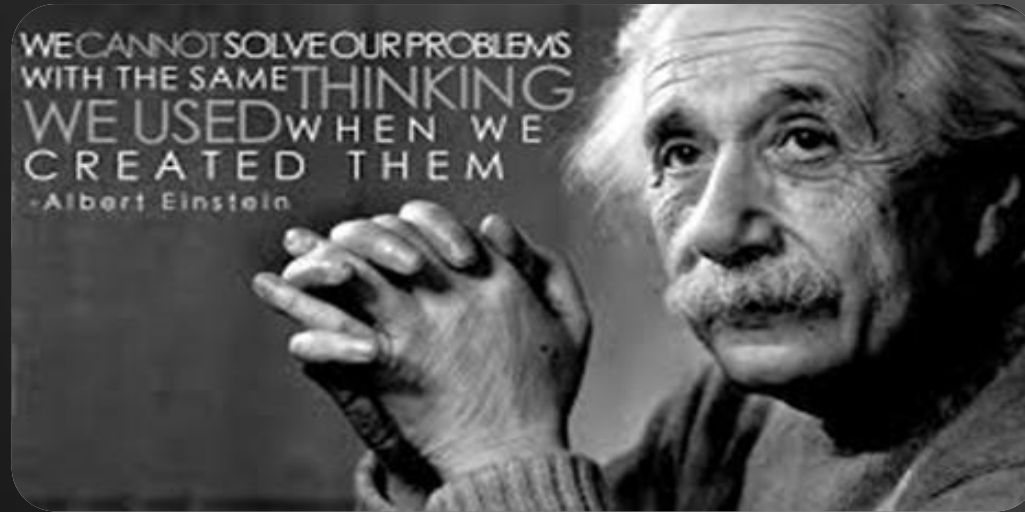
What Makes a Coalition?

A coalition is composed of individuals or groups who share a common concern and goal.

- ▶ Who can help the situation?
- ▶ Who might hurt the situation?
- ▶ Who has experience in dealing with the issue?
- ▶ Who is affected by the issue?
- ▶ Who might stand to gain by supporting the issue?

Build Alliances: Recruit the right people

- ▶ Active Relevant Organizations
- ▶ Current Relationships with Law Enforcement
- ▶ Create Meetings with Multiple Groups and Agencies



Potential Coalition Individuals and Groups

- ▶ Civic groups
- ▶ Nonprofit organizations
- ▶ Allies from the private sector
- ▶ Policy makers
- ▶ Key decision makers in the community
- ▶ Individuals who possess less common skills such as evaluation and advocacy
- ▶ Individuals and groups who can provide technical support and assistance to the coalition on topics such as leadership development, meeting facilitation, action planning and community assessment

Bridge the gap

RCAHT

- ▶ **Focus on:**
 - Education
 - Juvenile Recovery & Restoration
 - Training
 - Awareness



Provider Partners

- ▶ **Provide Services:**
 - Counseling
 - Medical
 - Shelter
 - Legal

Creating a Task Force : Build a Multi-Jurisdictional Human Trafficking Task Force



Task force

► Noun

- A temporary grouping of military units or forces under one commander for the performance of a specific operation or assignment.
- A temporary grouping of individuals and resources for the accomplishment of a specific objective.

Now what?

- ▶ Combined law enforcement task force with coalition
- ▶ Law enforcement planning
- ▶ Coalition planning
- ▶ Community planning
- ▶ Develop infrastructure
- ▶ Continuous improvement

Brainstorming Problem Areas

- ▶ Inner city / suburban regions
 - How do they differ
- ▶ Primary target areas
 - Hotels
 - Schools
 - Trucking industry
 - Shelters
 - Jails

Identify High Risk Victims

- ▶ Track Runaways
- ▶ Other Contributing Factors
 - Truancies
 - Criminal record
 - Homelessness / Foster care
 - Mental health issues
 - Past abuse

Reach out to local businesses

- ▶ Hotel – free room for victims
- ▶ Trucking Industry – Free Truck
- ▶ Rental Cars
- ▶ Equipment – video/audio

Media

- ▶ **Develop Media Policy**
- ▶ **Provide limited information – perhaps no press release**
- ▶ **Request certain things not be released**
- ▶ **Social Services use media to create awareness**

Media Policy/Confidentiality

Maintaining the safety and privacy of human trafficking victims is our top priority. All information given to the media will be generalizations based on numerous cases and experiences. We will not share any information on human trafficking that would not already be found in our presentations or online through educational resources. No information will be divulged regarding any victims that we have been in contact with or what specific services were provided.

Finding Partners



Create a strategic plan

- ▶ Awareness Campaign
- ▶ Educate the public
- ▶ Get into the school districts
- ▶ Network with other coalitions throughout state and region
- ▶ Develop a speakers bureau
- ▶ Develop a leadership Board and a Young Professional Board
- ▶ Social Media Presence

Evolve as needed

- ▶ Reevaluate goals, partnerships and plans often with group consensus
- ▶ RCAHT Year One Statistics:
 - 1 Federal Operation along with multiple local operations
 - 2000 reached through educational outreach with over 40 victims assisted
 - 168 coalition partners in over 30 agencies
 - Involved in international, domestic and juvenile cases in addition to adult sex trafficking

Operation Cross Country VIII – 2014
Locally 14 victims and one juvenile recovered
Five pimps arrested





Questions & Discussion

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